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To: Counterterrorism
New York

Attn: UBLU/RFU

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SSA [REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED]

Minneapolis

Attn: SSA [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED]

Washington Field

Attn: SSA [REDACTED]

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Attn: SSA [REDACTED]

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Case ID #: (S) 265A-NY-280350-CD (Pending)

Title: (S) PENTTBOM;
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(U) [REDACTED]

Synopsis: (S) To provide investigative summary information and
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Reference:

- (S) 265A-NY-280350 Serial 9772
(S) 265A-NY-280350-NK Serial 1111, 9436, 4868
(S) 265A-NY-280350-PX Serial 11114
(S) 199Q-NK-95811 Serial 29, 3
(S) 265C-MP-54588-T8518 Serial 6
(S) 199Q-MP-45209 Serial 171
(S) 265A-NY-280350-302 Serial 38180, 73431, 113489,
113484, 79727, 79726
47759, 59232, 36440
114144, 77663, 112843
932125, 21529
(S) 265A-NY-280350-NK Serial 13375, 17496, 4868
(S) 265A-NY-280350-WF Serial 6472, 8704, 9991, 1808
(S) 265A-NY-280350-IN Serial 40663, 13477, 3654
(S) 265A-NY-280350-BN Serial 858

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(S) 265C-DL-85383-S Serial 76
 (S) 199P-NK-81348 Serial 576
 (S) 199H-NK-76996 Serial 1140, 562
 (S) 199Q-NK-92908 Serial 404
 (S) 199H-WF-213358 Serial 120
 (S) 199H-NY-261070 Serial 73
 (S) 199Q-AT-76104 Serial 672
 (S) 199H-NY-256049 Serial 21
 (S) 199Q-WF-211947 Serial 238
 (S) 265A-NY-280350-TEL Serial 92
 (S) 199Q-AT-76104 Serial 672

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Enclosure(s): (S) Enclosed for the Minneapolis Division is a copy of the toll records for the [redacted] cellular telephone, [redacted]. Enclosed for the Washington Field Office is a copy of the toll records for the cellular telephone used [redacted] subscriber name [redacted].

Details: (S) Previous investigation has revealed that [redacted] [redacted] were associated with known hijackers, MOJED MOOED, HANI HANJOUR, NAWAF ALHAZMI, and AHMED ALGHAMDI. [redacted] from approximately 03/2001 to 06/2001. The aforementioned hijackers visited [redacted] during 04/2001-05/2001.

(S) [redacted] rented this apartment from a woman by the name [redacted] and the lease was in her name. [redacted] and was listed [redacted]. Investigation has revealed that [redacted] both utilized telephone number [redacted] during their stay in Virginia.

(S) On 05/07/2001, [redacted] drove the four hijackers from Falls Church, Virginia to the FAIRFIELD INN, Fairfield, Connecticut. On 05/09/2001, [redacted] drove the four hijackers to Paterson, New Jersey.

(S) Prior to living in the aforementioned apartment in Falls Church, Virginia, [redacted] While [redacted] resided in Paterson, he met [redacted] and eventually left New Jersey to live in Falls Church, Virginia, [redacted] met the four hijackers in Virginia while he resided there. [redacted]

(S) Upon his return [redacted] lived with two men [redacted] [redacted] maintained contact with [redacted] who was working and residing in Connecticut.

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(S) [REDACTED] was arrested on 08/16/2001 in Minnesota and held in federal custody at the Sherburne County Jail in Elk River, Minnesota. A review of the telephone calls on the tolls records of the [REDACTED] cell phone reveal that, subsequent 08/16/2001, [REDACTED] was attempting to locate and speak with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] subject of full field investigation 1990-NK-98511. The aforementioned call activity was confirmed by [REDACTED]

[redacted] conducted by the Newark Division on 06/05/2002.

(S) In the aforementioned interview, [redacted] he lived with his friend, [redacted] sometime during 1991 or 1992 at a location [redacted] in Paterson, New Jersey. [redacted] the interviewing agents that he has a single engine pilot's license and that some point in time in the 1980's he had taken flight lessons in New Jersey.

[redacted] had taken flight lessons at AIR FLEET TRAINING SYSTEMS, TETERBORO AIRPORT, Teterboro, New Jersey, and CALDWELL FLIGHT ACADEMY, Essex County Airport, Fairfield, New Jersey. It should be noted that known hijackers HANI HANJOUR and SAEED ALGHAMDI took flight lessons at FLEET TRAINING SYSTEMS and HANI HANJOUR took flight lessons at CALDWELL FLIGHT ACADEMY. (265A-NY-280350 Serial 9772)

(S) On 08/16/2001, [redacted] cellular telephone contacted the telephone number [redacted] twice. The telephone number [redacted] is subscribed to [redacted] [redacted] was the subject of numerous Currency Transaction Reports (CTR) due to a large number of currency transaction he conducted in the past that were over the \$10,000 limit. These reports were filed by what was the MIDATLANTIC BANK and is currently a PNC BANK located at the intersection of Main Street and Crooks Avenue in Paterson, New Jersey.

[redacted] on the CTRs which reflected numerous financial transactions that took place during 1996.

(S) On 08/17/2001, [redacted] cellular telephone contacted the telephone number [redacted] once. The telephone number [redacted] is listed to [redacted]

[redacted] provided information about the prior ownership of the [redacted] during his interview with the FBI on 05/21/2002. (265A-NY-280350-302, Serial 114144) [redacted] was also a location where a number of the hijackers were observed in the past. (265A-NK-280350-NK Serial 17496)

(S) The [redacted] cellular telephone also contacted the telephone number [redacted] on 08/17/2001. The telephone number [redacted] is listed [redacted]

[redacted] (265A-NY-280350-302, Serial 114144)

(S) On 08/18/2001, the [redacted] cellular telephone contacted [redacted] twice. The [redacted] cellular telephone also contacted the telephone number [redacted] twice. The telephone number [redacted] is the number of [redacted] cellular telephone. During 09/2001 [redacted] was interviewed by the Minneapolis Division and he advised the interviewing agents that his VOICESTREAM cellular telephone number was [redacted] (265A-NY-280350-302 Serial 73431)

(S) On 08/18/2001, the [redacted] cellular

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telephone also contacted the telephone number [redacted] once. [redacted] as his home telephone number on his VOICESTREAM subscriber paperwork. (265A-NY-280350-302 Serial 77663)

(S) On 08/19/2001, the [redacted] cellular telephone contacted the telephone number [redacted] once and the telephone number [redacted] once. In the aforementioned interview of [redacted] had advised the interviewing agents that his home telephone number was [redacted] and his cellular telephone number was [redacted]. The aforementioned call to [redacted] home number, [redacted] was approximately 25 minutes in duration. It should be noted that [redacted] resided in Minnesota when [redacted] was arrested and that the aforementioned attempts to reach him were in the time period of 08/16/2001 to 08/19/2001.

(S) [redacted] was under investigation by the Newark Division, in the past, for his links to terrorist organizations, HAMAS and the HOLY LAND FOUNDATION for RELIEF and DEVELOPMENT (HLFRD), a known fund raising front organization for HAMAS. (199Q-NK-98511) During the aforementioned interview [redacted] by the Minneapolis Division, [redacted] he currently lives at [redacted] [redacted] (265A-NY-280350-302 Serial 73431)

(S) In the referenced full field investigation 199Q-NK-98511, [redacted] was found to be an associate of [redacted]

[redacted] the ISLAMIC CENTER OF PASSAIC COUNTY (ICPC) when he resided in New Jersey. [redacted] presently resides in San Diego, California and he is the subject of an investigation by the San Diego Division, 199Q-SD-60938. Toll analysis of [redacted] former place of business, PRO-TECH COMPUTERS, INCORPORATED, Fairlawn, New Jersey, during the 1998-1999 time frame, revealed numerous calls to HLFRD headquarters.

(S) [redacted] was held in federal custody in the Sherburne County Jail in Elk River, Minnesota, subsequent his arrest on 08/16/2001. Toll analysis of calls placed from the Sherburne Jail during the time period of 09/11/2001 to 09/14/2001 revealed numerous calls from the S2 and S2-A locations in the jail to the AL-ALMAL ISLAMIC SCHOOL, also known as, ISLAMIC CENTER OF MINNESOTA, 1401 Gardena Avenue, N.E., Fridley, MN 55432, at telephone 763-571-5604. It should be noted, the Minneapolis Division has directly linked the AL-ALMAL ISLAMIC SCHOOL to HAMAS and HLFRD activities in Minneapolis, MN. (referenced in 199Q-MP-45209 Serial 171,166) The Newark Division has not yet determined if [redacted] has any ties to the AL-ALMAL SCHOOL, even though both [redacted] and the AL-ALMAL SCHOOL have ties to HAMAS and HLFRD.

(S) The [redacted] cellular telephone was also in contact with the main telephone number to [redacted] [redacted] As previously indicated, [redacted]

lived at this address and was associated with four of the known hijackers. In his interview with the FBI on 06/05/2001, [REDACTED] the writer that he is the cousin [REDACTED] who also resided at the [REDACTED]

(S) The [REDACTED] cellular telephone was also in contact with [REDACTED]. This telephone number is the listed number [REDACTED] is of interest because it was contacted not only by [REDACTED] the hardline [REDACTED] but also telephone numbers [REDACTED] numbers for the residence [REDACTED] (199P-NK-81348 Serial 576)

(S) [REDACTED] is an avid supporter of [REDACTED] terrorist organization, AL GAMA AL ISLAMIYYA (AGAI). [REDACTED] holds a key position in AGAI, whereby he willingly has acted as a communications conduit between AGAI leaders overseas and in the U.S. (199P-NK-81348 Serial 576)

(S) [REDACTED] is associated [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (265A-NY-280350-NK Serial 13375)

(S) [REDACTED] entered the United States on 10/23/1992, on a M1 Visa to attend the ACADEMIC OF FLIGHT SCHOOL, 46-12 Queens Boulevard, STE 204, Sunnyside, New York, telephone 718-937-5716. A reveal of the Telephone Application of ACS revealed that the ACADEMIC OF FLIGHT SCHOOL was contacted by known hijacker MOHAMMED ATTA, cell phone number 646-479-0432, on 06/21/2000. [REDACTED] denied knowing how to fly an aircraft during an interview conducted by the Newark Division. (265A-NY-280350-302 Serial 113489)

(S) During the aforementioned interview, [REDACTED] in late 1996 to early 1997, he became business partners [REDACTED] Palestine, and purchased [REDACTED]

(S) The Newark Division has not yet ascertained if [REDACTED] who was the subject of a past investigation by the Newark Division, 199H-NK-89960. [REDACTED] was a Palestinian businessman and [REDACTED] the ICPC in 1996. [REDACTED] was also an active HAMAS leader and the close friend of [REDACTED]

(S)

[REDACTED]

(S) Previous investigation by the Newark Division has identified the ICPC as a place where, among legitimate Islamic worship, HAMAS supporters meet to raise funds and conduct business. (referenced in 199Q-NK-92908 Serial 404) As stated previously, [REDACTED] of ICPC at one time. (199H-NK-76996 Serial 562)

(S) [REDACTED] are currently under investigation by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) due to the fact that they currently appear to be illegal aliens. Additionally, Special Agents of the INS believe that [REDACTED] may have entered into a fraudulent marriage to obtain U.S. citizenship [REDACTED] (265A-NY-280350-IN Serial 40663)

(S) The [REDACTED] cellular telephone was also in contact with [REDACTED] which was utilized [REDACTED] As stated previously, [REDACTED] conducted an ATM transaction in close proximity to known hijacker HANI HANJOUR. [REDACTED] is currently in custody due to the fact that he was in the U.S. illegally. [REDACTED] has been previously interviewed by the Newark Division. (265A-NY-280350-302 Serial 112843)

(S) In the aforementioned interview conducted by the Newark Division, [REDACTED] attended a mosque located in Falls Church, Virginia while he was staying with a friend [REDACTED] in Maryland. The mosque that [REDACTED] referred to could possibly be the DAR AL-HIJRA MOSQUE, 3159 Row Street, Falls Church, Virginia.

It should be noted that [REDACTED] had met the four known hijackers at the DAR AL-HIJRA MOSQUE in Falls Church, Virginia. The DAR AL-HIJRA MOSQUE is known to be attended by members of HAMAS. (referenced in 265A-NY-280350-WF Serial 9991, 199Q-WF-211947 Serial 238) Also, a telephone number associated with the DAR AL-HIJRA MOSQUE was found during a search of the belongings of [REDACTED] in Germany. (265A-NY-280350-BN Serial 858)

(S) As indicated previously, [REDACTED] utilized a cellular telephone, [REDACTED] who left the United States and has recently returned from Jordan. The telephone assigned telephone number [REDACTED] will be hereafter referred to as the [REDACTED] cellular telephone. A review of the toll records for this cellular telephone revealed the following:

(S) The [REDACTED] cellular telephone was in contact with [REDACTED] which is probably due to the fact that [REDACTED] lived there [REDACTED]

(S) The [REDACTED] cellular telephone was also in contact with [REDACTED] which, as previously indicated, was

the number of [redacted]
[redacted] lived in Falls Church, Virginia.
Additionally, it should be noted that four known hijackers
visited [redacted]
[redacted] (265A-NY-280350-3002 Serial 932125)

(S) The [redacted] cellular telephone has contacted
telephone number [redacted] listed to [redacted]
[redacted] is currently owned by
[redacted] is possibly
linked to [redacted] in that the telephone number [redacted]
[redacted] was found during a search of the belongings [redacted]
[redacted] by the authorities in Germany. The
telephone number [redacted] was subscribed to [redacted]
[redacted] (265A-NY-
280350-BN Serial 858)

(S) The [redacted] cellular telephone has contacted the
telephone numbers [redacted] The telephone
number [redacted] is the home telephone number [redacted]
[redacted]
The telephone number [redacted] is subscribed to [redacted]
[redacted] but the
telephone is utilized [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] numerous times, but there are two dates
that should be noted. On 09/10/2001, [redacted]
[redacted]

(S) [redacted] was interviewed by the Washington Field
Office in 10/2001. [redacted]
[redacted] which was
next door to the apartment [redacted] when they
lived in Virginia. In fact, [redacted] claimed to have met
[redacted] in the street and brought them to [redacted]
[redacted] to rent her apartment that was next door to his. [redacted]
then claimed to not have had any other interaction with [redacted]
[redacted] (265A-NY-280350-302 Serial 79727)

(S) [redacted] claimed that a friend of his, [redacted]
knew that [redacted] lived in New Jersey. The call activity from
[redacted] would suggest that [redacted] may not have
been truthful when discussing his knowledge [redacted]
[redacted] It should also be noted that he lived next door to
where several of the known hijackers are known to have visited.

(S) [redacted] was a friend [redacted] and his
family and lived with his family for a period of time. The facts
surrounding [redacted] association [redacted] would also
suggest that [redacted] would have known the individuals that he
brought to [redacted] apartment. Additionally, [redacted] in
her interview by the Washington Field Office, that [redacted]
[redacted] were friends of his when he
brought them to her apartment. (265A-NY-280350-302 Serial 47759)

(S) [redacted] friend and former roommate, [redacted]

[redacted] currently lives with his wife in a house [redacted]
[redacted] has been interviewed by the Washington Field Office and advised that he splits his time between Clifton, New Jersey and Langley Park, Maryland, where he stays with a friend. [redacted] the interviewing agents that he met [redacted] in the Paterson, New Jersey area and that he never saw [redacted] in Virginia or Maryland. (265A-NY-280350-302 Serial 79726)

(S) Due to the fact that [redacted] knew each other from the Paterson area and lived in addresses that were next door to each other in Falls Church, Virginia, it is possible that [redacted] has not been truthful with the FBI when he discussed his knowledge [redacted] It should be noted that [redacted] and several of the known hijackers have all been in, Falls Church, Virginia, and Paterson, New Jersey, at one time or another. [redacted] and several of the known hijackers were in Falls Church, Virginia basically during the time period of 03/2001 to 07/2001.

(S) [redacted]
[redacted] before and after he [redacted]
[redacted] (265A-NY-280350-302 Serial 74522,17494) Previous investigation has placed the hijackers in Paterson, New Jersey at various times during 2001, such as the confirmed sighting of 7 of the hijackers at APOLLO INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, 1009 Main Street, 2nd floor, Paterson, New Jersey in 07/2001. (265A-NY-280350-NK Serial 9436, 265A-NY-280350-302 Serial 21529) The Newark Division has not ascertained whether [redacted] has come into contact with any of the known hijackers.

(S) The Newark Division has not ascertained why [redacted] is utilizing a VOICESTREAM cellular telephone subscribed to the [redacted] However, there are calls from [redacted] which is the home telephone number listed [redacted] on the VOICESTREAM paperwork. A CHOICEPOINT Database check revealed [redacted]
[redacted] An Internet search on the telephone number [redacted] revealed a listing [redacted] The telephone facility assigned the number [redacted] will hereafter be referred to as [redacted] cellular telephone. Additional analysis of the toll records of [redacted] cellular telephone, [redacted] revealed the following:

(S) The [redacted] cellular phone contacted [redacted] home telephone, [redacted] numerous times, but it should be noted that [redacted] number on 09/10/2001 and on 09/12/2001. The Newark Division has not ascertained the significance of the contact [redacted]

(S) The [redacted] cellular telephone contacted [redacted] [redacted] The telephone number [redacted] is the cellular telephone number utilized [redacted] who is the [redacted]

[redacted] The telephone number [redacted] is the main telephone number of [redacted] (265A-NY-280350-WF Serial 6472)

~~(S)~~ As documented in 265A-NY-280350-WF Serial 6472, [redacted] came to the attention of the FBI due to his purchase of [redacted]

[redacted] Apparently, the former owner, [redacted] was offered a large sum of money to get him to sell the gas station. [redacted] cell phone has also contacted [redacted]

~~(S)~~ A CHOICEPOINT database check on the name [redacted] revealed [redacted]

[redacted] The address [redacted] is also listed as the address of [redacted] The employer [redacted] was listed [redacted]

[redacted] CHOICEPOINT listed [redacted] as the President/Treasurer [redacted] INCORPORATED and [redacted] the Vice President/Secretary.

~~(S)~~ [redacted] appears to be the same person [redacted] owner of the aforementioned [redacted] due to the fact that [redacted] on his cellular telephone, [redacted] (265A-NY-280350-TEL Serial 92) [redacted] is also contacted by the [redacted] cellular telephone and, as indicated previously, the [redacted] cellular telephone. (review of the toll records [redacted] cellular telephones)

~~(S)~~ As documented in the CHOICEPOINT Database, [redacted] appear to be partners and/or owners of a number of gas stations located in the Virginia and Washington, D.C. area. The following gas stations appear to be associated with [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] and 703-534-9794 (payphone); all three of these numbers were in contact with hijacker phone 973-652-2555, believed to have been used by known hijackers HANI HANJOUR, NAWAF ALHAMZI, and SALEM ALHAMZI.

[redacted]

[REDACTED]

hijacker cellular telephone 973-652-2555 believed to have been used by known hijackers HANI HANJOUR, NAWAF ALHAMZI, and SALEM ALHAMZI. (265A-NY-280350-WF Serial 1808)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the known hijackers, and the HOLIDAY INN, Route 46 West, Totowa, New Jersey. Known hijacker KHALID M. AL-MIDHAR was positively identified by a hotel housekeeper who worked for the aforementioned HOLIDAY INN. (265A-NY-280350-WF Serial 8704)

~~(S)~~ AL-MIDHAR was registered under [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] during the first week of 09/2001. A number of the known hijackers were in Totowa, New Jersey at this time. (265A-NY-280350-WF Serial 8704, 265A-NY-280350-NK Serial 4868)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] denied seeing or knowing any of the known hijackers. (265A-NY-280350-302 Serial 59232)

~~(S)~~ It should be noted that the hijackers were in Totowa, New Jersey, at the same time [REDACTED] There is contact between [REDACTED]

[redacted] and telephones that were in contact with the known hijackers. [redacted] is in FALLS CHURCH, Virginia, where known hijackers resided for a period of time.

(X) Along with the aforementioned telephonic contact, the [redacted] cellular telephone and the [redacted] cellular telephone both contacted telephone number [redacted] (review of toll records of [redacted] cellular telephones) The subscriber for the telephone number [redacted] [redacted] date of birth [redacted] [redacted] The telephone facility assigned number [redacted] will hereafter be referred to as the [redacted] cellular telephone.

(S) There are significant contacts in the toll records pertaining to [redacted] A preliminary review of the [redacted] cellular telephone toll records revealed the following:

(S) The [redacted] cellular telephone contacted [redacted] on 09/11/2001, at approximately 11:44pm, for a 4 minute time period. The telephone number [redacted] has also been in contact with the telephone number 972-680-0761, which is subscribed to the HLF RD, 525 International Parkway, Richardson, Texas.

(S) The [redacted] cellular telephone contacted the telephone number [redacted] The telephone number [redacted] [redacted] (referenced in 199Q-AT-76104 Serial 672, 199H-NY-261070 Serial 73)

(S) The number [redacted] has appeared in a number of investigations to include the TERRSTOP (265A-NY-239143) and TRADEBOM (265A-NY-235983) investigations. [redacted] who is the subject of a New York Division investigation due to his ties to HAMAS. [redacted] has a number of relatives in the New York area that are involved [redacted] (referenced in 199Q-AT-76104 Serial 672, 199H-NY-261070 Serial 73)

(S) [redacted] participated in shotgun and rifle target practice with three people associated with the WORLD TRADE CENTER bombing case, TRADEBOM (265A-NY-235983), [redacted] [redacted] was also a subject in the TERRSTOP investigation. (referenced in 199Q-AT-76104 Serial 672, 199H-NY-261070 Serial 73)

(S) The telephone number [redacted] also appeared in the telephone records of [redacted] [redacted] convicted in the TRADEBOM investigation. (referenced in 199Q-AT-76104 Serial 672, 199H-NY-261070 Serial 73)

(S) The telephone number [redacted] appeared on a pen register conducted on the telephone associated with [redacted] [redacted] The telephone number [redacted] was the home telephone

number [redacted] In 1992,
[redacted] for firearms and explosives training in
Pennsylvania [redacted]
[redacted] was convicted and sentenced to life in the TERRSTOP
investigation. (referenced in 199Q-AT-76104 Serial 672, 199H-NY-
261070 Serial 73)

(S) [redacted] has been in contact with [redacted]
[redacted] who was the subject of a HAMAS investigation by FBI New
York, 199H-NY-256049. [redacted] in
Jersey City, New Jersey, and was linked to TRADEBOM subjects
[redacted] The address for the
[redacted] was utilized by [redacted] for various
bank accounts and insurance policies. (199H-NY-256049 Serial 21,
199H-NY-261070 Serial 73)

(S) The [redacted]
in Jersey City, New Jersey. The telephone number [redacted] is
subscribed to [redacted] and was contacted by [redacted]
[redacted] (review of ACS Telephone Application) As stated
previously, [redacted] was the home telephone number for [redacted]
[redacted] Several of the known hijackers
visited [redacted]
[redacted]

(S) The writer recommends that [redacted]
[redacted]
interviewed concerning the aforementioned information. The
interviews should involve the following topics:

(S) Interviewees should be questioned about their
association with or knowledge of HAMAS, HLFERD, ICPC, DAR AL-HIJRA
MOSQUE, [redacted]
[redacted]

(S) [redacted] should be
questioned at length about their knowledge of each other, the
known hijackers, the DAR AL-HIJRA MOSQUE, the ALGHAZALY SCHOOL,
overseas travel, e-mail addresses, and HAMAS.

(S) [redacted] should be questioned about
the BEACH EXXON and the ALGHAZALY SCHOOL and who they have been
in contact with at these locations.

(S) [redacted] should be questioned
about any knowledge of the known hijackers when they resided in
Falls Church or overseas, the aforementioned gas stations, [redacted]
[redacted] possible contact with the known hijackers
in Totowa, New Jersey.

(S) [redacted] should be questioned at length on
his knowledge and/or involvement with HAMAS, HLFERD, AL-ALMAL
SCHOOL, [redacted] GREAT NOTCH EXXON, [redacted]
[redacted] any of the aforementioned [redacted] family
members, and the MIDDLETOWN EXXON.

LEAD ~~(S)~~:

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Set Lead 1:

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AT WASHINGTON, DC

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Set Lead 2:

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

(U) Provide copies of this communication to SA [redacted]
[redacted] and SA [redacted] Newark Division requests
that New York Division review the content of this communication
and facilitate logical investigation as appropriate.

Set Lead 3:

MINNEAPOLIS

AT BROOKLYN PARK, MINNESOTA

~~(S)~~ Locate and re-interview [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] concerning his knowledge of
[redacted] ALGHAZALY SCHOOL, GREAT
NOTCH EXXON, MIDTOWN EXXON, HAMAS, and the rest of the
information provided in this communication.

Set Lead 4:

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

~~(S)~~ Locate and re-interview [redacted]
[redacted]
concerning his knowledge of [redacted] DAR AL-
HIJRA MOSQUE, the known hijackers and his previous residence,
[redacted] and the rest of the information provided in
this communication.

Set Lead 5:

NEWARK

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

~~(S)~~ Locate and interview [redacted]
[redacted] family members
mentioned in this communication.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/17/2002

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: UBLU/RFU

Tampa

SA [REDACTED]
ORA 1

From: Philadelphia
Squad 11, PhJTTF
Contact: IRS [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED] smh

Case ID #: ~~(S)~~ 199N-PH-93296 (Pending)

Title: ~~(S)~~ KHALED A. SHOUKRY
IT - UBL

Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ SAC authorizes opening preliminary inquiry (PI)
based upon subject's contact with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] a former associate of Mohammed Atta.

~~(S)~~ Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: X1

(U) Preliminary Inquiry Instituted: 06/17/2002, set to expire
10/14/2002.

Package Copy: ~~(S)~~ Being forwarded under separate cover to
assigned case agent are the results from Choicepoint and internet
searches [REDACTED]

Details: (U) On 9/16/2001, agents from the Orlando Resident
Agency (ORA) contacted [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The ORA interviewed [REDACTED]
because he was identified by the father of suicide pilot Muhammed
Muhammad Al-Amir Awad Al-Sayad (Al-Amir), a.k.a. Muhammad Atta,
as an "associate" of Al-Amir. Information from this interview, in
case number 265A-NY-280350-TP, provided the basis for the opening
of a preliminary inquiry in Philadelphia.

~~(S)~~ Full details of interview and the polygraph result
with [REDACTED] follow. The link between the Philadelphia
subject and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in Queens during May through November 1996, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] since December 2000, stated that Al-Amir had been
in New York and met [REDACTED] once during this time period.

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Because of this association, and [redacted] possible knowledge of Al-Amir (Atta), Philadelphia has opened a PI.

(S) [redacted] interview information indicated that [redacted] had received a [redacted] and worked for an unknown employer in Philadelphia. A search of the Choicepoint/Infotek system reveals that [redacted]

[redacted] These results also show a Queens, NY address corresponding to the 1996 time period when he was [redacted] personal details follow:

Name: [redacted]

Current Address: [redacted]

DOB: [redacted]

SSN: [redacted]

OLN: [redacted]

Telephone: [redacted]

Possible Employer: [redacted]

Education: [redacted]

(S) Case background [redacted] On the afternoon of 9/16/2001, agents from the ORA contacted [redacted] at his residence. He gave consent for the search of his home and documents were obtained showing [redacted]

(S) [redacted] had several newspapers clippings, e-mail printouts, letters and notes which showed he is an active member of the Muslim American Society (MAS), a group dedicated to promoting a positive public image of Muslims in the United States. [redacted] is also a member of the Media Watch Board of the MAS, which is dedicated to monitoring the American media for perceived anti-Arab prejudice. Some of the MAS literature [redacted] emphasized that Muslims should remain mute or indifferent to the terrorist attacks of 9/11/2001, but should be vocal in their condemning of the violence. [redacted] also recently became a volunteer [redacted] in the Florida Department of Corrections for incarcerated Muslim prisoners.

(S) After the consent search of his home, [redacted] voluntarily came to the ORA where he was interviewed for over six hours. Present during the interview and acting as [redacted] counsel was [redacted] who is an attorney.

(S) [redacted] provided the following information concerning his background and his relationship and knowledge of

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AL-AMIR: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
befriended AL-AMIR.

[REDACTED] knows AL-AMIR by his true name and prior to approximately 9/14/2001, had never heard the name MUHAMMED ATTA.

* After graduation, AL-AMIR enrolled in an intensive German language program at a well-known school in Cairo named Gotta. AL-AMIR told [REDACTED] that he needed to become fluent in German to be eligible to attend a graduate level civil engineering school in Germany. It was common knowledge among the engineering graduates from Cairo University that the best graduate engineering programs were in the United States or Germany. The American schools were known as selective and expensive and the German schools offered free tuition to any applicant who was fluent in German.

* In their senior year at Cairo University and for the next several years, [REDACTED] AL-AMIR and their friends frequented a sports club in Cairo named Nadi Said, where they played soccer and basketball and swam. The club was co-ed; therefore, no fundamentalist Muslims came to the club.

* Between 1990 and 1998, AL-AMIR never expressed any extremist or fundamentalist beliefs, nor did he ever express any hostility to the United States or any other western country.

* Between 1990 and 1998, AL-AMIR engaged in social activities such as attending movie theaters, which further indicated [REDACTED] that AL-AMIR was not then a Muslim fundamentalist.

* AL-AMIR never talked about aviation or wanting to become a pilot.

* AL-AMIR was never in the military, nor did he ever have any technical training which [REDACTED] would be helpful to carrying out any of the terrorist attacks of 9/11/2001.

* [REDACTED] in Cairo until May 1996, when he traveled to the United States and lived in Long Island and applied for civil engineering jobs. [REDACTED] found that he could not get satisfactory employment in the United States without a graduate degree.

* When [REDACTED] first arrived in New York in May 1996, he lived for about two weeks [REDACTED] with a distant cousin whom [REDACTED] had never met or spoken with before coming to New York. [REDACTED] then moved into an apartment [REDACTED] with [REDACTED]

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four roommates:



* In November 1996, [redacted] returned to Cairo and applied for enrollment at the University of California at Los Angeles, University of California at Berkeley, Arizona State University, the University of Florida and UCF. [redacted] applied to UCF because one of his professors at Cairo University, [redacted] had a brother, [redacted] who was a professor at UCF and offered to provide a good reference [redacted] to get admitted to UCF. Because of his test scores, [redacted] was accepted only at Arizona State University and UCF. [redacted] accepted the UCF offer and in August 1997, he enrolled as a first year graduate student in the Civil Engineering Department at UCF.

* [redacted] does not know whether AL-AMIR was close to any of his professors at Cairo University or whether he maintained contact with any of the faculty at Cairo University.

* In approximately 1996, AL-AMIR told [redacted] that as part of his education in Germany, he had gone to Hallab, Syria to study ancient architecture.

* When [redacted] returned to Cairo in November 1996, AL-AMIR was staying with his parents and was actively "trying to get married." AL-AMIR told [redacted] he was returning to Cairo from Hamburg, Germany as often as he could in his effort to marry a suitable Egyptian woman. AL-AMIR was then a full-time student at an unknown university and working part-time as an architectural engineer for an unknown employer. AL-AMIR, like most young Egyptian males his age, was preoccupied with finding a suitable Egyptian wife.

* [redacted] initially said he never had any contact of any kind with AL-AMIR since [redacted] Orlando, Florida in June 1997. [redacted] also initially denied having telephone, personal, indirect or e-mail contact with AL-AMIR since 1997 or perhaps as recently as 1998.

* [redacted] believes the last telephonic contact he had with AL-AMIR was a telephone call in 1997 or 1998 in which [redacted]

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called AL-AMIR at his apartment in Hamburg, Germany. [redacted] telephone directory on his home computer show the [redacted] AL-AMIR then had an e-mail address [redacted] presumes the e-mail address was provided to AL-AMIR by the school he was attending in Hamburg. [redacted] last sent an e-mail to AL-AMIR in approximately 1998 and the e-mail bounced.

* AL-AMIR then had at least one roommate in Germany. At least twice, the roommate answered the phone when [redacted] called for AL-AMIR. [redacted] does not know anything about the roommate except that based upon the roommate's manner of speaking Arabic, [redacted] does not believe the roommate was Egyptian. [redacted] never talked with AL-AMIR about his roommates, he never met any of the roommates, nor did he ever hear any names of roommates.

* The last phone call in 1997 or 1998 consisted of conversation about their respective efforts to meet and marry a suitable Egyptian female. AL-AMIR expressed his unhappiness about the fact he was unable to carry out the required courtship which took at least two weeks. AL-AMIR had only a few days at a time to return to Cairo from Hamburg because of his schooling and employment.

* In May 2000, [redacted] met his future wife via the Internet and they got engaged in June 2000 and set their wedding date for December 30, 2000.

* When they met, [redacted] wife was a fourth year medical student at the University of Florida in Gainesville. She graduated in June 2000 and is now a resident in the family practice department at Florida Hospital, Orlando's largest hospital. [redacted] wife works shifts of 24 hours and is therefore away from home for extended periods of time.

* In July 2000, [redacted] called the phone numbers he had for AL-AMIR to invite him to his wedding. When [redacted] spoke with AL-AMIR's father [redacted] the father told him he did not know where his son was and told [redacted] not to call again.

* [redacted] then called AL-AMIR [redacted] [redacted] told him nobody in their family knew where AL-AMIR was, but he did occasionally call the family. When [redacted] again asked where AL-AMIR was, [redacted] AL-AMIR was in Syria. [redacted] for a telephone number for AL-AMIR so he could call AL-AMIR himself. [redacted] said she would give AL-AMIR his number and tell AL-AMIR that [redacted] wanted to speak with him.

* During the interview on 9/16-17/2001, [redacted] was insistent he has not attempted to call or e-mail AL-AMIR since July 2000 and has not had contact with him since December 1998.

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* At the time of the interview, [] had in his wallet a piece of folded paper about 5" X 5" which he said he created using Excel Spreadsheet software. The paper was a list of names and telephone numbers. [] created the list approximately four months ago when he obtained a telephone calling card account number for calling long distance for about \$.05 per minute.

* The list has a total of nine names and associated telephone numbers. [] went over the list in detail and identified what his relationship is with the individuals and what his most recent contact with each person was. The people whose names are on the list are friends or relatives [] or his wife. One name had no phone numbers in the columns beside the name.

* [] has had contact with eight of the nine people on the list at least since January 2001. [] has spoken by phone with six of eight of the persons on the list at least once a month for the past several years. AL-AMIR is the only person on the list with whom [] has not had contact since January 2001. [] denied having contact with him since December 1998.

* [] was questioned about the inconsistency in his account of his having the list of phone numbers in his wallet yet denying contact with AL-AMIR since 1998. He remained adamant he has not had any contact with AL-AMIR since 1998.

* One of the names on the list is [] whom [] identified as another classmate from engineering school at Cairo University. []

* [] AL-AMIR from Cairo university and knew [] [] was friends with AL-AMIR. After the attacks on 9/11/2001, [] They discussed the attacks and the fact AL-AMIR's photograph was being shown on the Internet and television as one of the suicide pilots.

* [] does not believe AL-AMIR [] were friends or that they ever talked by phone other than the one three way call.

* [] claimed that when he saw AL-AMIR's photograph on the Internet and television, he did not believe the person was AL-AMIR for the following reasons:

1. The pilot was identified as MUHAMMED ATTA, not MUHAMMED AMIR.
2. The pilot was described as being born in the United Arab Emirates. [] knew AL-AMIR was born in Cairo.

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3. The pilot was described as having a degree in electrical engineering. AL-AMIR had a degree in architectural engineering.
4. The person whose picture was on the Internet and television was described as having attended flight schools in Florida. [] knew that if AL-AMIR had come to Florida, he would have contacted EL-[] and he did not.
5. [] believed the photograph looked like AL-AMIR, but he was not positive it was him.

* On approximately 9/14/2001, [] was called at home by [] who also graduated from the engineering department of Cairo University in 1990. [] asked [] if he had seen the photograph of the suicide pilots and [] replied affirmatively. They then briefly discussed whether one of the photographs looked like AL-AMIR. [] told [] none of the photographs was AL-AMIR and that AL-AMIR's name was not ATTA. [] does not have a phone number or other contact information for []

* The two numbers on the list for "MOHAMMED AMEER" are:

1. [] (listed in Cairo EC dated 9/13/2001 as the home telephone number of AL-AMIR's father) The number was in a column headed "Home."
2. [] The number is in a column headed "CELL PHONE."

* [] was last in New York City in January 2001 when he and his wife flew to Cairo via Kennedy Airport for their honeymoon. [] has been in Washington, D.C. only once and that was in the winter of 1998 as part of his studies in at UCF.

~~(S)~~ [] was returned to his home by ORA agents on the early morning of 9/17/2001. [] consented to a search of his vehicle. The ORA SA told [] agents would contact him later on 9/17/2001 for a follow up interview. [] said he was planning to go to work in a few hours. The apartment and []'s car were kept under surveillance. Approximately an hour after he was left at the apartment, [] walked from his apartment and threw a garbage bag into a trash dumpster a short distance from his apartment. The bag was subsequently retrieved and it contained food stuffs, newspapers and documents which appeared to be notes [] wife had written about patients at her hospital. There were no documents in the bag which had not been examined during the earlier consent search.

~~(S)~~ Later on the morning of 9/17/2001, []

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left his apartment and drove to work, where he remained except for an out- of-office meeting with co-workers. Twice during the day, [] called the ORA agent who had interviewed him on 9/16-17/2001 to when somebody would contact him to complete the interview.

(S) On the evening of 9/17/2001, FBI TP and FBI NY agreed that [] should be polygraphed. Since [] had been up all night and then worked all day, it was decided to polygraph him on the morning of 9/18/2001. On 9/17/2001, NY SAS [] flew to Orlando to participate in interviews related to [] apartment and car were kept under surveillance until he was picked up at the apartment at approximately 9:30 A.M., 9/18/2001 and transported to the ORA. [] wife and sister-in-law drove to the ORA in a separate vehicle.

(S) On the morning and early afternoon of 9/18/2001, [] was interviewed at the ORA in the presence of his sister-in-law by an ORA SA and NY SA []. Another ORA SA and NY SA [] interviewed [] wife. The statements by [] are consistent except for the fact she thought [] had worked as a civil engineer in Lebanon after graduation from Cairo University and that [] had met AL-AMIR in New York once when [] was living in Queens in 1996. [] has denied knowing anything about the terrorist attacks of 9/11/2001. [] said she believed it would be her moral and religious obligation to tell the FBI if he had admitted any such knowledge. [] denied knowing who AL-AMIR was until 9/11/2001 and said her husband initially did not believe the person whose picture was on the Internet and television was the person he knew from college. [] said she has never met or talked with AL-AMIR.

(S) During the interview on the morning of 9/18/2001, [] was questioned in great detail about the chronology of his most recent contacts with AL-AMIR. [] provided the following details which differ from his statement on 9/16-17/2001:

* [] initially said the last personal contact [] had with AL-AMIR was in December 2000, when [] returned to Cairo during Christmas vacation from UCF. During the interview by the polygrapher, [] revised the date to May 1999, when UCF was on summer break. It was the subjective opinion of the SAs who interviewed [] that he appeared to have difficulty reconstructing his activities during the past several years.

* After [] moved to Orlando and was attending UCF, he attempted to reach AL-AMIR by telephone in Germany and was told by a female who answered the phone that AL-AMIR no longer lived at the number. The female appeared to know who AL-AMIR was. [] estimated that call was before between January and May

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1999; however, he could not further specify the date of the call.

* In 1999, [] sent an e-mail to AL-AMIR at his school e-mail address and it bounced.

* After that call, [] attempted to reach AL-AMIR through AL-AMIR's father. [] estimated he called AL-AMIR's home in Cairo [] three times between May 1999 and July 2000. Each time, AL-AMIR's father told [] he did not know where AL-AMIR was or how to reach him. The fourth call was in July 2000, when [] called to invite AL-AMIR to his wedding. AL-AMIR's father answered and immediately began to yell at [] not to call any more. AL-AMIR's father said that AL-AMIR was also in Florida. When [] asked where in Florida AL-AMIR was, AL-AMIR's father got angry with [] and [] hung up.

* After the July 2000 call, [] had his fiancée call AL-AMIR's father to get AL-AMIR's [] phone number. [] then called [] identified himself and asked for AL-AMIR's number. [] told him she did not have a number and that AL-AMIR was in Syria. [] described [] statement as an unequivocal statement that AL-AMIR was in Syria rather than a statement that she thought he was there. [] said AL-AMIR "sometimes calls us" and promised to give him [] number when he did call.

* [] then searched the Internet for AL-AMIR's phone number in Florida. He located about one hundred possible numbers for AL-AMIR, using variations on the spelling of the name and he began calling the numbers. After about five calls, [] gave up, realizing he could call all of the numbers and still not reach AL-AMIR.

* [] discussed the calls [] had with AL-AMIR's father and [] unsuccessful attempts to locate AL-AMIR via the Internet. [] advised [] to stop trying to find AL-AMIR, stating that if AL-AMIR wanted to talk to [] he would have called him.

* [] was adamant that he did not speak by phone with AL-AMIR since late 1998 and that he did not speak to AL-AMIR in person after [] got engaged in June 2000.

* The last time [] spoke by phone with AL-AMIR was in late 1998 when [] called AL-AMIR in Germany at [] [] In that call, [] connected a three way call with their mutual friend, [] who was then living in Saskatchewan, Canada and working as a civil engineer. The call was almost entirely related to their respective efforts to meet and marry a suitable Egyptian woman.

* It was in the 1998 call that AL-AMIR first displayed any conservative or fundamentalists beliefs. During the call, AL-

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AMIR told the other two they should "be strong and not give in" to women by having pre-marital sex. AL-AMIR also advised [] to pray daily. Those admonishments were the first time AL-AMIR had ever talked about such beliefs, suggesting to [] that AL-AMIR had recently become significantly more religious.

* In May 1998, when [] saw AL-AMIR in Cairo, AL-AMIR was staying with his parents and was planning to return to Hamburg. When [] was in Cairo in May 1998, he saw AL-AMIR once or twice. AL-AMIR then had a beard and closely cropped hair. [] said such an appearance would immediately draw attention to AL-AMIR as a fundamentalist Muslim and could possibly cause the police to detain, question and possibly arrest AL-AMIR.

* In [] opinion, the appearance would also make it very difficult for AL-AMIR to find a wife because of the reluctance of most Egyptian females to accept the subservient role a female would have in a marriage with a Muslim fundamentalist.

* AL-AMIR told [] that both his parents disapproved of his wearing the beard.

* In May 1998, AL-AMIR would no longer meet [] at night and he spoke negatively of the sports club which they had previously frequented.

* By May 1998, AL-AMIR had obviously adopted a fundamentalist life; however, he did not express any militant views about the United States and he definitely did not say anything suggesting he would ever become involved in something like the 9/11/2001 attacks.

* In May 1998, AL-AMIR told [] he had been to Mecca and had completed Hajj, an Islamic religious undertaking indicating he had become devoutly religious. AL-AMIR did not specify when he had been to Mecca; however, [] believes it would have been approximately three months after Ramadan in 1998.

~~(S)~~ [] was then given a polygraph exam and no deception was found on his negative answers on the following issues:

Did you have any advance knowledge of the terrorist attacks on 9/11/2001?

Have you had contact of any kind with AL-AMIR since January 2000?

~~(S)~~ [] was then transported back to his residence where he voluntarily surrendered his home computer. On 9/19/2001, a TP FBI CART examiner made an image of the contents of the computer's hard drive. TP is in the process of obtaining [] telephone and e-mail records.

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(S) At the conclusion of the interviews of 9/18/2001, [redacted] denied he has had any phone, e-mail or other contact [redacted] or any other person to discuss the attacks or his interviews by the FBI since he was first contacted by the FBI on 9/16/2001.

(S) Based upon the above, it appears [redacted] had no knowledge of AL-AMIR's presence in Florida during the period 2000 through 2001 or advance knowledge of the terrorist attacks of 9/11/2001. It also appears [redacted] has cooperated with the FBI to date. [redacted] has agreed to maintain contact with the ORA. [redacted] voluntarily surrendered both his and his wife's passports. [redacted] and his wife are permanent resident aliens and are awaiting approval of their applications to become naturalized United States citizens.

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(S) Philadelphia believes the link between [redacted] and [redacted] is significant, and will conduct logical investigation to develop any information about [redacted] possible contact with Al-Amir (Atta).

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